fellow Rangers does absolutely nothing to detract from the selfless and intrepid nature of his actions.

23) Why did LTG Kensinger not allow questions after the news was released?

The AR 15-6 investigation was not approved by the General Court-Martial Convening Authority (Commander, CENTCOM), until 28 May 2004. Late that evening, LTG Kensinger was directed to make the press release regarding the findings of that investigation, which he did the following day. LTG Kensinger did not have a copy of the approved AR 15-6 investigation or the chance to review that approved investigation prior to the press conference. Because he did not know the contents of the approved investigation, he was not in a position to comment on it. A consistent theme behind the actions of those in command here has been that they did not want to take any action (or release information) until they have done their utmost to ensure that the action taken or information released was complete and accurate.

24) Why did the military not clear up the untrue and nebulous stories that were released after friendly fire was determined to be the cause of death?

Some stories said

This investigation has reviewed the information published by official Army channels regarding this incident. As stated above, while the Army did not release that this was a suspected fratricide as soon as it was suspected by those involved in the incident, that was based on the Army's desire to avoid inappropriate speculation as to a cause of death and on the Army's desire to fully investigate that potential completely and fully to ensure that any information released was as accurate as possible.

25) Why was his death called an accident?

AR 385-40, *Accident Reporting and Records*, dated 1 November 1994, is the Army Regulation dealing with Army accidents. In that Regulation, fratricide (also known as friendly fire) incidents fall within the definition of the term "accidents."

26) Why has it been stated that there was no fault?

The current AR 15-6 investigation found no indication that anyone has said there is no fault in this incident, other than the comment made by th[redacted] in the CISD above, in the context of trying to maintain unit cohesion and effectiveness.

27) Why did the military try to convinc[redacted] to have a military funeral when CPL Tillman left paperwork indicating that he did not want a military funeral?

The Ranger Regiment says "[t]h[redacted] representing th[redacted] as th[redacted] [redacted] along with representatives [of the unit] are the only individuals known to have raised the issue of a military funeral, and this just during the visit following the initial notification. The purpose of raising the issue was to confirm family wishes, not to violate the wishes of CPL Tillman. The funeral wishes were thereafter

They wanted a big funeral at Arlington - for their purposes